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## YOUNG SHAKESPEAREAN COMES TO TOWN

**Talented boy actor appearing in  
new London production**

IN the cast of Shakespeare's *Anthony and Cleopatra* which opens this week at London's Princes Theatre is the talented young actor Anthony Adams, who will be 13 next month. He has had a strenuous and most exciting season at Stratford with the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Company, but naturally he is looking forward with no little keenness to appearing before the footlights on the London stage.

He plays a slave-boy—and getting him blacked-up before each performance is a messy business lasting about an hour, his mother told a C.N. representative. Getting the black off again takes almost as long, the grease paint having a tendency to appear on sheets, and to linger in the bathroom!

Tony has been living with his mother at a delightful old house facing the ferry and close to the Memorial Theatre in the most picturesque part of ancient Stratford.

His mother is well known as Winifred Brown, the only woman still to hold the King's Cup for flying, which she won in 1930. She is also the author of *No Distress Signals*, published last year, which tells the story of her adventurous voyage in a 45-foot yacht to Spitsbergen, and her return after war had broken out.

### HIS CHIEF INTEREST

Her son's chief interest in life, however, has always been acting and everything to do with the theatre. He has been keen on acting since he was quite small, and belongs to the Italia Conti School.

It was impressive to see a boy taking his chosen profession so seriously. He writes plays, paints designs for costumes, and has built a well-proportioned toy theatre.

But actors have to be hardy people, and Tony is that too—last Christmas Day he went swimming at Brighton! He is fond of riding and sailing, and was runner-up in a junior tennis tournament at Stratford.



Anthony Adams,  
who plays a slave  
in *Anthony and  
Cleopatra*

He has been growing apace this year, and this brought him an embarrassing incident at the Memorial Theatre. The tights he wore as a casket boy in the *Merchant of Venice* had become too tight, and one evening as he was bending down to pick up a casket they split at the back! The other actors could hardly keep straight faces, and

## Miss Gulliver in Lilliput

A model of Wimborne has been built in the little Dorset town by a group of local people—a task which has taken nearly three years—and in the picture below Shirley Edwards is seen taking her spaniel for a scamper through one of the streets. In the background is a miniature reproduction of the thousand-year-old Minster.



## A BOY IN A TRAIN

To be sitting comfortably in an electric train when suddenly it plunges into a river is something to shock the strongest nerves. But when this happened to 14-year-old Neil Robinson of Bury in Lancashire, his thought was only for the safety of others.

He was in the train which plunged 70 feet from the Irk Valley viaduct last August. Instead of escaping from the partly-submerged coach, Neil stayed on, struggling to hold the head of a little boy above water.

His efforts were seen by Major K. L. Halls, who went to his assistance, pulled away the wood-work which had trapped the child, and found that it was his own son, Jeremy.

In a letter to Scout Headquarters the father wrote: "I wish to commend Neil Robinson for his complete disregard for his own safety and for his courageous action, which without any doubt whatsoever saved my son's life."

He has been awarded the Scout Silver Cross for his gallantry.

poor Tony had to back off the stage as gracefully as possible.

It has been a strange and exciting life for Tony at Stratford. Ordinary school-lessons had to be carried on, of course, and with three other boy actors he went nearly every morning to the home of a tutor, Mr. Allwood.

Regulations are very strict about young actors. They must be in charge of a matron, and Mrs. Adams had to be approved as suitable to look after her own son! They must have four hours' lessons a day, ten hours' sleep, plenty of fresh air, and one third of their earnings put in a bank as savings on their behalf.

Acting can be hard work for these young professionals. Tony spent the whole of last Christmas holidays doing two shows a day of *Peter Pan* in London.

Now this enthusiastic and ambitious boy is ready and eager to face West End audiences.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

Ten thousand plastic envelopes are to be dropped into the sea by Coastal Command aircraft in an area extending from the Bay of Biscay in a semicircle of 500-mile radius to a point between the Hebrides and Iceland.

Inside each envelope will be a franked addressed postcard with questions and instructions in eight languages for the finder.

The aim is to secure information about speeds and direction of currents, and this will help in the campaign against the pollution of beaches by oil.

### THE 39 STEPS

For five centuries bell-ringers have climbed up and down the 39 steps of the spiral staircase to the belfry of All Saint's Church, Sawley, Derbyshire.

Now they are to be repaired, for during that time four inches have been worn off each step.

## FROM GOLD COAST TO SANDHURST

A Gold Coast cocoa farmer's son, Lance-corporal Lawrence Okai, is the first boy of the Gold Coast to be accepted as an officer-cadet for Sandhurst.

It all began at the Achimota School, near Accra, where Lawrence was studying agriculture. He wanted to go home and help his father to grow better cocoa beans; but one day an officer of the British Army came to Achimota to lecture on Army life.

Lawrence volunteered for training, and four months ago was called to the headquarters of the Army in Accra and became Private Okai. Then began the six months' course of basic training before he enters Sandhurst.

This African officer-to-be has his own little furnished bedroom, and four other men in training share a sitting-room with him.

## POODLE AIRLIFT

The poodle, now one of the world's most popular pedigree dogs, is earning many dollars for Britain. As many as 20 of them are being flown to America every week.

The animals are excellent passengers. Though they are not fed until they land, water is given to them at stopping points on the flight. On the other side of the Atlantic there are no quarantine restrictions for pedigree poodles.

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## BRAZIL TRIES A BOLD NEW PLAN

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

BRAZIL has made a start on what is probably the boldest programme ever devised by a country to rid herself of poverty and develop her vast resources.

Her latest step is an entirely new financing system designed to restore her sinking trade as well as to reduce her debts.

The plan, announced by Brazil's Finance Minister, Senhor Oswaldo Aranha, drastically changes the way her banks, merchants, importers, and exporters are allowed to use money for international trade.

Importers who want goods and materials from overseas which would be helpful to the national economy will be able to bid at official auctions in Brazil's stock-markets for the foreign currency they need.

Exporters will be rewarded by bonuses according to the amount of valuable foreign currency they bring to the Bank of Brazil from their overseas sales.

The idea is to ensure the import of products essential for Brazil's development, such as wheat, petroleum, machinery, and medical supplies; and at the same time to give exporters the incentive to send more goods abroad.

### COURAGEOUS DECISION

Senor Aranha, the trusted colleague of President Vargas, has taken full responsibility for the scheme, which he has described as a "courageous decision fraught with dangers and risks."

It is intended to supplement a five-year development plan which is now under way. In Brazil, they call it the Vargas Plan, after the President, who launched it with the aim of making his country as prosperous as the United States.

Is this merely a dream? Brazilians do not think so. They point out that theirs is the fourth biggest country in the world—bigger than Western Europe—and that the greater part of her rich territory is undeveloped.

Many of the people—a mere 50 million, or about the same as Britain's population—live in dire poverty because the wealth of the country has for so long lain almost entirely untapped. Brazil has a great deal more than coffee and nuts to offer the rest of the world.

### DETERMINED EFFORT

But with dollar aid from the International Bank this vast South American Republic is at last showing signs of a determined effort to make progress.

Natural resources are being developed; transport is being overhauled; schemes for building railways have been passed, together with other schemes for power plants, mills, and factories.

But more money is needed for this kind of development than Brazil can muster for herself, and in such a situation a country usually encourages foreign investors.

Foreign manufacturers are beginning to look to Brazil as a field for new industries. The United States, for instance, is interested in

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## SAVED BY THE FLYING DOCTOR

A Melbourne youth whose life was saved by the Alice Springs flying doctor service in Central Australia is now ready to return home after a serious illness.

The boy is 16-year-old Ian Rae of Melbourne, who was stricken with acute appendicitis when on a tour with a party of Melbourne Grammar School boys in Central Australia.

Ian became violently ill and was rushed to Hermannsburg Mission many miles over rough roads. There it was decided to try to contact Alice Springs, although the flying doctor scheduled radio service had finished for the day.

By chance the flying doctor director was checking the equipment and picked up the signal. An Alice Springs doctor diagnosed the illness over the radio and Ian was rushed overland to Alice Springs hospital.

### Glass blower



A Copenhagen firm has made a set of musical instruments in glass—providing an excellent opportunity of seeing the "music go round and around."

### FIREWORK NIGHT

Remember to keep cats and dogs indoors. They do not enjoy fireworks.

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the possibility of making synthetic rubber in Brazil.

The Brazilians, however, anxious to maintain independence, financial as well as political, are inclined to be suspicious of foreign capital, believing that if they sign contracts to companies in other countries they may sign away some of their national wealth.

But it would seem that they are beginning to realise that their vast and luxuriant garden, so to speak, needs the help of other gardeners. Certainly Brazil could enormously increase world production.



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

Now that the Queen has opened the second Parliamentary session of her reign—the third of the present Parliament—M.P.s are embarked upon a nine-month critical examination of the nation's affairs.

Aspects of legislation and international issues facing Lords and Commons will be dealt with in later articles. But at this time of year it seems worth while to recall the truth that democracy is government by speeches.

Naturally our thoughts then turn to the speech-makers, and to their style of speaking. Both Houses are rich in good speakers, and the level of debate is perhaps higher than in any other legislature in the world.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL is still the great orator. His speeches are carefully prepared beforehand. Usually he writes or dictates them in full, then compresses them into notes, which retain most of the text.

Each thought or subject is given a section to itself. The section is typed out like this:

*in lines evenly spaced but underlapping each other like modern poetry.*

ANOTHER Minister who takes much pride not only in the subject matter of his speeches but in the manner of delivery is Mr. Harold Macmillan, our housing chief.

His style is modelled very much on that of the Prime Minister. He is dramatic, incisive, witty, and, like Sir Winston, has that "feel" of the House which comes with intuition and long practice.

On the Opposition side, of course, Mr. Aneurin Bevan is the outstanding speaker. The matter of his discourse is usually rehearsed, but he leaves much to the Celtic inspiration of the moment. Sometimes he aspires to *hwyl*, that untranslatable Welsh word which conveys fervent spirituality.

THE Liberal leader, Mr. Clement Davies, can also make a passionate speech on a great occasion.

Of the back-benchers, perhaps the "giant" is Sir Robert Boothby, a Conservative M.P. And for sustained humour there is none to beat his gifted Scottish colleague, the elegant Sir William Darling.

But perhaps of all the speeches your correspondent has enjoyed in the past, few compared with the "rugged" type produced by Mr. Stanley Evans, a Socialist M.P.

As for the Lords, the polished manner and intellectual strength of the Marquess of Salisbury's speeches always inspire admiration; and some of the Law Lords and Viscount Samuel, the veteran Liberal leader in the Upper Chamber, sometimes shock but always delight.

## News from Everywhere

### HARD CASH

France is to mint 200 million 100-franc pieces in an effort to replace paper money.

Raymond Coates, a member of Atherstone (Warwickshire) Young Farmers' Club, has become the first young farmer in the country to win a Gold Badge for proficiency in farm crafts. He has passed his seventh test.

Miss Elsie Keynes beat 53 men in a ploughing competition at Shorne, Kent.

A hundredweight of dust was removed by workmen cleaning the interior of St. Werburgh's Church, Derby.

### FOR THE GIRLS

Boys at the John Hampden Secondary School, New Barnet, have converted their woodwork centre into a five-roomed bungalow for the girls to learn home management.

An imitation rice made of wheat paste, rice powder, and starch is being produced in Japan to ease a current food shortage.

A block of stone from Westminster Abbey has been flown to New South Wales. It is to be cut into pieces as mementoes for contributors to the Restoration Fund.

A new lifeboat to be stationed at Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, is to be named Duchess of Kent.

### TOO MANY INITIALS

The Elizabethan Grammar School at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, is to have some of its stone walls strengthened. They have been weakened through the years by boys carving their initials.

The Senior Scout Troop at St. Paul's, Maidstone, have ten members who hold the Queen's Scout badge. Two more hope to gain the award before Christmas.

### RIGHT OF WAY

While in camp at Ilkley this year, girls of the Stainbeck County Secondary School, Leeds, restored an old footpath not shown on Ordnance Survey maps.

An apple tree in Freshwater, Isle of Wight, had one side in blossom while the other side was full of apples!

Awheel in Britain, a new film in colour for cyclists, will be shown daily by Dunlop during the Earls Court Cycle and Motor Cycle Show, from November 14 to 21.

Some 450 new factories built in Wales since 1945 have provided work for 109,000 people.

### HIP, HIP!

There has been a record collection of rose hips in the North Riding of Yorkshire and many schools are still receiving big quantities every week. The pickers receive 3d. a pound.

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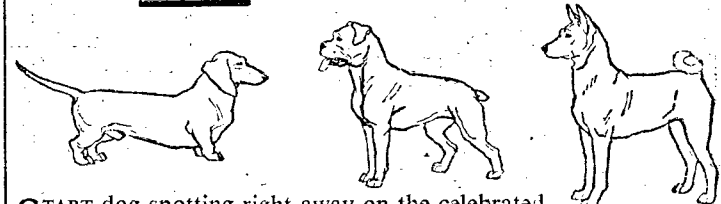
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## CAPTAIN COOK'S STRAIT

Cook Strait, which separates New Zealand's two main islands and is about as wide as the Strait of Dover, was once an isthmus. That is the view of a geologist who has been examining pebbles and rocks on both sides of this strait which was first charted by Captain Cook in 1770.

He has published a scientific paper stating that there is evidence of North and South Islands having once been joined by a "land bridge."

This, he thinks, was the shrunken remnant of mountains which long, long ago joined the Rimutaka Mountains near Wellington with the Kaikoura Mountains on the eastern coast of the South Island.

As the land sank the eastern part of what the maps now show as Cook Strait became a bay, and finally, about 11,000 years ago, the "land bridge" completely disappeared.

## MISSING HOUSE FOUND

Some 40 years ago 800 tons of material were taken from Norland Hall, near Sowerby Bridge in Yorkshire, and shipped to America.

The intention was to re-erect the 15th-century house on the ranch of the late William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper owner. But the house was never built, and the public librarian at Sowerby Bridge has been trying to trace the dismantled material.

After much research he has found out. It is still in the crates stored near San Francisco!

## 80,000-MILE WALK

Mr. A. E. Bloomfield, who was a postman at Mansfield, Notts, for 32 years, has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal.

For 20 years he walked on his delivery rounds, and at an average of 16 miles a day he is estimated to have covered 80,000 miles in that time. Later he drove vans and gained a silver medal and diplomas for safe driving.

## Rosemary has two little lambs



The lambs Jenny and Jill are the constant companions of ten-year-old Rosemary Harris of Combe Martin in North Devon.

## ALL KINDS OF BASKETS

The work of rural basket-makers is on show until November 14 in an exhibition at the Tea Centre in London.

Over 100 baskets are displayed, ranging from miniature shopping baskets to the huge ones used by our East Coast herring fishermen. They are made of willow, straw, rush, cane, and raffia, and demonstrations of making them are given regularly.

This ancient craft still survives in many parts of Britain.

## DEEPEST HOLE

The oil borehole now being drilled at Bakersfield, California, has reached a depth of nearly 21,000 feet, thus becoming the deepest hole ever drilled.

If oil is found this well will become the world's deepest oil-producing well. The present record depth is the 17,122 feet of the well completed earlier this year at Week's Island, Louisiana.

## UNDERWATER RIDE

Riding 25 feet below the surface of the water on a paravane drawn by a motor boat, three Danish frogmen made a journey of ten miles to test new underwater search equipment.

## REINDEER FOR CHRISTMAS

Hardy Carothers of Goldthwaite, Texas, first began importing reindeer from Alaska seven years ago. Now he has a herd on his ranch and hires out the animals to department stores for Christmas displays.

Not long ago his 13-year-old son Jack helped him to transport reindeer from the north. The animals are shipped in a motor-trailer with special racks for moss and rolled oats.

Some miles south of Fort Nelson when the animals were bedded down for the night, Jack and his father were roused from their own sleep by a tremendous uproar and found that a huge bear was attacking the herd. It shambled away on being fired at, but it had mauled three reindeer.

Father and son got their charges back into the trailer as quickly as possible and drove to Fort Nelson, where, luckily, a Royal Canadian Air Force doctor managed to save the wounded animals.

Then the Carothers continued their journey home with all their reindeer safe and sound for their Christmas role.

## PHILLUMENIST OF THE YEAR

Miss Joan Rendall of Yeolmbridge, Cornwall, has been elected the Phillumenist of the Year, and presented with a silver cup by the British Matchbox and Booklet Society.

She has a collection of 15,000 matchbox labels, many of them from correspondents behind the Iron Curtain.

## LIFT FOR A KING

A proposal to remove the ancient stepping-stones across the Dreel Burn at Anstruther, Fifeshire, recalls an old story concerning James V of Scotland.

This king, who liked to travel incognito among his subjects, one day reached the ford over the Dreel Burn. He hesitated to cross, however, for the burn was in flood.

An old beggar woman, seeing his predicament, offered to carry him through the flood water. James accepted and was carried on her shoulders to the other side, where he rewarded her and revealed his identity.

## PLANE v TRAIN

A Leeds councillor not long ago left Rome in a Comet jetliner at the very moment when his wife was leaving Leeds by train to meet him in London.

He arrived at London Airport, went in a coach to Victoria, took a taxi to his hotel, washed and changed, and then met his wife's train at King's Cross.

## HIS HARVEST FESTIVAL

The villagers of Doddacombsleigh, Devon, left some of their harvest festival vegetables in the churchyard.

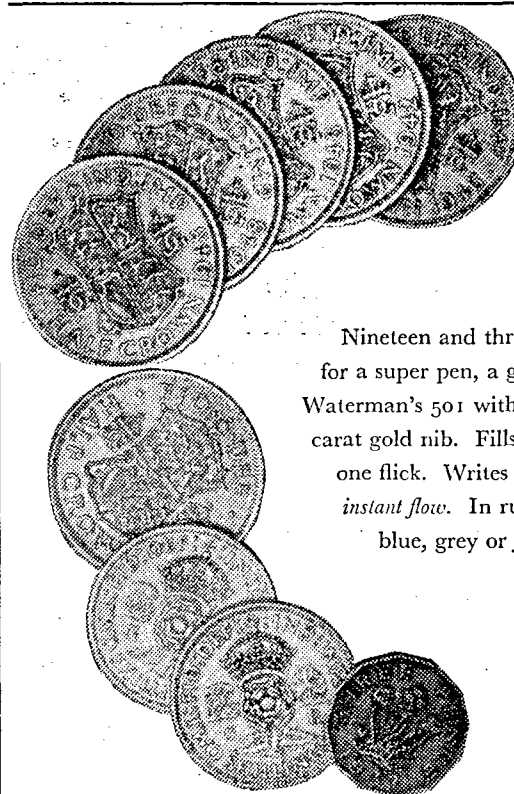
A donkey named Darkie ate the lot, making himself so ill that the vet had to pay him four visits.



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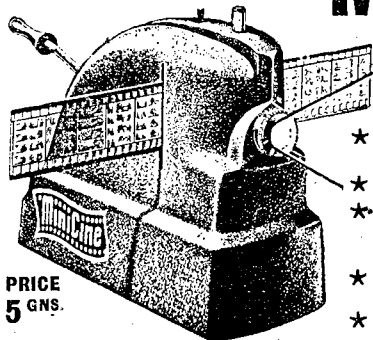
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## ELIZABETHAN EVENING 400 YEARS AGO

CAN you imagine a TV interview with Sir Francis Drake on Plymouth Hoe as he awaited the Spanish Armada? Or a telecast of Queen Elizabeth I addressing her troops at Tilbury? Or "seeing" a production of King Henry V at the Globe Theatre, Southwark, introduced by Shakespeare himself?

These are possibilities envisaged in Elizabethan Evening, which the



Macdonald Hobley, the announcer, as an Elizabethan "newsmonger"

BBC are planning for November 17, the anniversary of the accession of Elizabeth I in 1558. TV programmes that night will all be based on the assumption that television had been invented in the 16th century.

A. L. Rowse, the noted historian, is acting as adviser, and scripts are being written by Hal Burton. One of the biggest tasks falls to Jeanne Bradnock, the wardrobe mistress, and her staff, who will have to make or hire scores of period costumes. Miss Bradnock will have the help of James Laver, dress expert from the Victoria and Albert Museum.

### With a bang!

GUY FAWKES DAY is being given good measure both in sound radio and TV this Thursday.

Robert Rocket, Esq., will be the central figure in Children's Hour, starting with a bang in a cameo cartoon by Trevor Hill. His companions will include Miss Katherine Wheel and Octavius, a Roman Candle.

In Children's TV, Guy Fawkes makes a personal appearance to tell his own story of what happened in 1605. It will be presented as a play, Gunpowder Guy, by Nicholas Stuart Gray, with Guy Fawkes (acted by William Devlin) telling his true story to two modern children, Bobbie (David Coote) and Brenda (Barbara Brown).

### Having a go

WILFRED PICKLES, who on November 17 celebrates the seventh birthday of Have a Go!, has given me figures showing what it means to be a travelling quiz-master.

Since 1946 he has journeyed 100,000 miles by road, rail, and

sometimes sea, visiting about 300 different places. He has persuaded 12,000 people to Have a Go, the youngest being four and the oldest 97.

### Junior London Town

YOUNG viewers are to have their own edition of London Town. It begins this Friday with a scrapbook introduced by Richard Dimpleby. The first edition includes the story of Big Ben, a visit to Ely Place (a corner of Ely in London), and Changing the Guard.

### New Year news

FEW voices in Britain are better known than those of the BBC news-readers. They are heard in most homes at some time or another during the day.

To television viewers they will soon be more than voices, for early in the New Year the news bulletins each night, instead of being a recording, will be a visual broadcast, with the Home Service announcing team taking turns before the TV cameras.

John Snagge, who is in charge of news-reading, tells me that this will revolutionise his department. "There'll be no more news-reading in shirtsleeves," he said. "We'll have to dress up and visit the make-up room before bulletins."

### All aboard

SOUND pictures of a trip on the Flying Scotsman from King's Cross to Edinburgh will be given in Saturday Excursion in Children's Hour on Saturday. The



The Flying Scotsman

journey will be described by Max Robertson, Brian Johnstone, and Reginald Gamble, who, besides being the broadcasting Bee Man, is an official of British Railways.

During the programme we shall hear a "live" broadcast from the train as it roars through the Scottish countryside at speeds up to 80 m.p.h.

The Flying Scotsman is the oldest regular express train in the world, its first run from King's Cross being in 1862.

## In the Air

By the C.N. Flying Correspondent

### Trolley take-off

ONE of the most interesting jet planes now under development for the French Air Force is the S.E. 5000 Baroudeur—a 700 m.p.h. fighter which takes-off from a rocket-propelled trolley and lands on retractable skis!

Although the four-wheel trolley looks simple in design, it actually took well over a year to develop. When taking-off, the pilot opens the throttle and fires either two or four of the trolley's six rockets. As take-off speed is reached a lamp flashes in the cockpit, and the pilot releases the trolley and flies off.

According to the Baroudeur's designer, this novel gear allows the aircraft to take off from almost any surface other than a ploughed field. With the aid of a jeep, the plane can be loaded onto its trolley in little more than a minute.

### Dependable Bells

BELL 47 helicopters have recently been giving an excellent account of themselves in Belgium. During 2½ years of continuous operations three of them, flown by Sabena, have carried over 30 million letters between eight towns on a 272-mile circuit.

### New airline

FOUR Convair-Liner 340s will go into service next January with Lufthansa—the new West German airline. Lufthansa is the 24th airline to order Convair-Liners, and intends using these 44-seat pressurised airliners first of all on its 4000 miles of internal routes in West Germany. Later the service will extend to all the major European cities, including London.

These piston-engined machines may later be fitted with propjets.

### Solent service

AQUILA AIRWAYS, Britain's only flying-boat operator, is expecting to begin a new luxury flying-boat service between Southampton and Capri.

The planes used will be 45-passenger Short Solents, which will complete the journey in under six hours.

### Super Sabre

LATEST model of the renowned North American Sabre has already beaten the newly established world air speed record of 753.4 m.p.h. set up by the Douglas Skyra.

During the first attempt on the record the Sabre averaged 757 m.p.h., but as this does not represent the necessary one per cent increase over the previous record, other attempts will be made.

### 75-day wonder!

A NEW American training aircraft—the Temco Plebe—was designed, built, and test-flown within 75 days.

Powered by a 225-h.p. engine, this smart-looking two-seater can fly at nearly 200 m.p.h. and was designed as a primary trainer replacement for the U.S. Navy.



# Close-up View of the Conquest of Everest



The highest point on the Earth's surface, as seen by the climbers approaching Mount Everest. The snow plume is caused by the ceaseless high winds

EVERYONE in this country should make a point of seeing *The Conquest of Everest*.

This picture-story in colour of an epic feat is one of the most remarkable documentary films ever made, and awe-inspiring beyond words.

Daunting difficulties and dangers faced the cameraman, the intrepid Thomas Stobart, who sometimes had to perch on an ice-covered rock in a howling blizzard.

Among other hazards, Mr. Stobart took many shots on the icefall, where enormous pinnacles of rock threatened to fall at any moment.

Work at great heights was exhausting, owing to lack of oxygen. Cold affected the camera—as well as his gloved hands—causing it to run slowly at times, and making the film brittle.

He tried taking the camera to bed with him to keep it warm. It was most uncomfortable, however, and he soon gave up that idea!

One of his happiest shots was the return of Hillary and Tensing from the summit. He went out to meet them, and asked them not to tell their news until he had his camera ready.

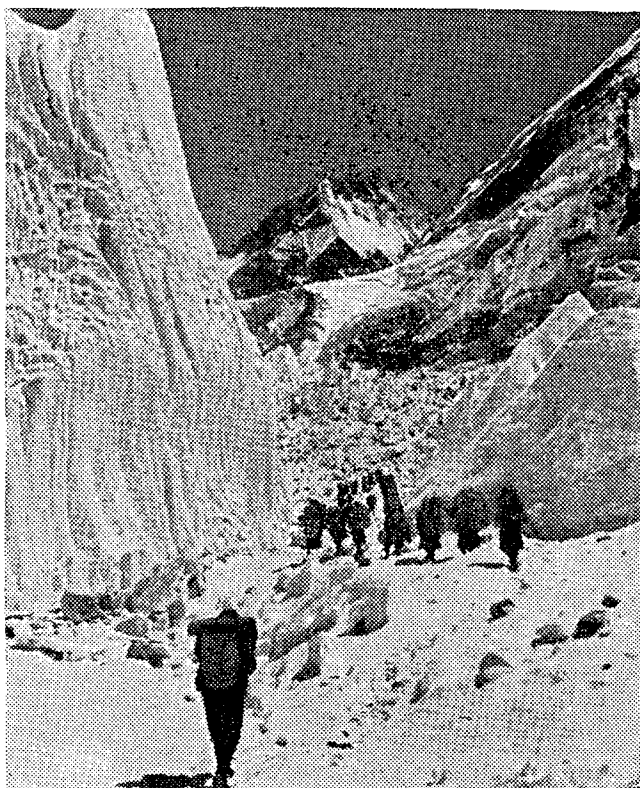
The rest of the party thought they had failed, and looked very dejected. But when the triumphant pair gave the thumbs-up sign, they all began waving and shouting and embracing one another—a fine sequence for the cameraman!



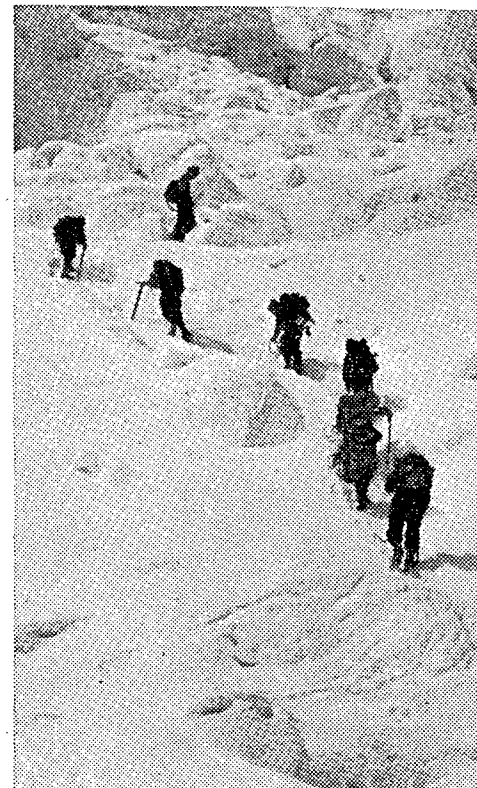
The Conquerors!—Hillary and Tensing at Camp 4, 27,200 feet up on the mountain on the day before their victorious assault



The tortuous route between camps was fraught with constant peril. A porter is here seen crossing a deep crevasse by means of a metal ladder



The long trail! Porters moving up to the Base Camp on the Khumba Glacier, with the forbidding mass of Everest in the background



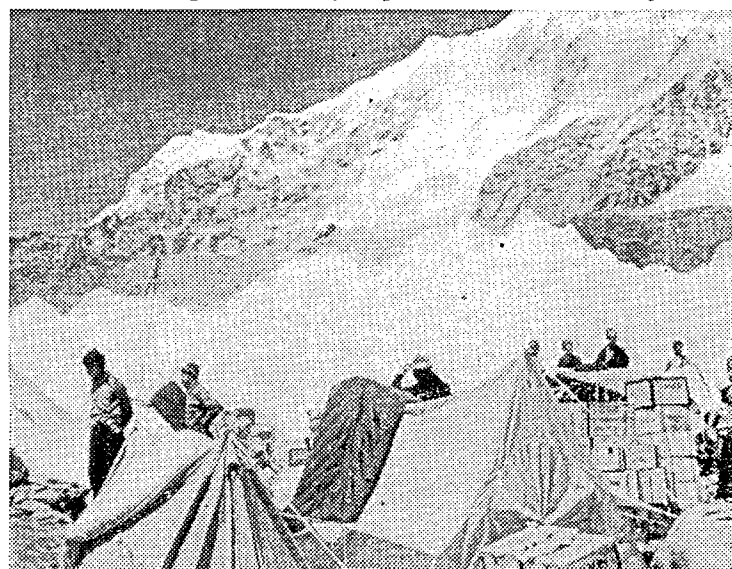
George Band leading a file of porters. Carrying 60 lbs., the porters often sank knee-deep in snow



Dr. Charles Evans cutting steps in the side of Island Peak during the early stages of the climb



Thomas Stobart, the dauntless cameraman who shared in the great triumph



The Base Camp, 17,000 feet up on Everest. All supplies to camps higher up had to be manhandled from this point



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## REMEMBRANCE

*Sunday is Remembrance Day, and on that day, from 11 o'clock in the morning, the whole nation will pay its tribute of two minutes' silence to all those millions who laid down their lives in two world wars. In silence we shall remember them.*

THERE is no death! The stars go down  
To rise upon some other shore,  
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown  
They shine for evermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread  
Shall change, beneath the summer showers,  
To golden grain, or mellow fruit,  
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

There is no death! Although we grieve  
When beautiful, familiar forms  
That we have learned to love are torn  
From our embracing arms.

They are not dead! They have but passed  
Beyond the mists that blind us here  
Into the new and larger life  
Of that serener sphere.

And ever near us, though unseen,  
The dear, immortal spirits tread;  
For all the boundless universe  
Is life—there are no dead.

J. L. McCreery

## Under the Editor's Table

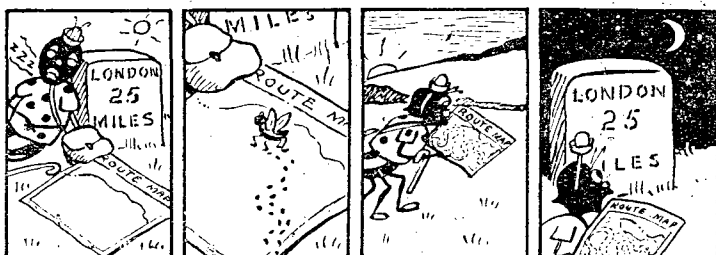
*Table tennis has swept the world. Played by a tidy few.*

Many bank customers are paying less interest and do not know it. They might show more interest.

*Sailors rarely settle down on land. Are all at sea.*

A valuable vase was knocked down at an auction for a few shillings. Hope it was not smashed.

BILLY BEETLE



## Practice makes perfect

THE trained state of mind and nerves which leads to automatic performance of an act of skill, such as riding a bicycle safely, is what the Russian scientist Pavlov called "a conditioned reflex."

Whether or not one agrees with all Pavlov's doctrines, his conditioned reflex is certainly something everyone must develop to excel at any skilful occupation.

This was emphasised recently by Sir Gerald Kelly in a talk to art students: "It is well worth while to teach your hand to obey your mind. If you wish to become a decent draughtsman, the only foundation for painting, you have got to teach yourself such natural competence that you do not even know you are doing it."

Careful practice leads to difficult accomplishments suddenly becoming "second nature."

## Loud cheers

SUDDENLY to find himself the object of a cheering throng of children is enough to puzzle any motorist, however good an opinion he has of himself.

He might wonder whether he has performed some brave deed and forgotten about it, or has become a Very Important Person without realising it.

This embarrassing experience befell several New Zealand motorists approaching Wellington recently. They found the road lined with 2000 boys and girls who cheered them heartily.

Some of the motorists frowned, some turned red, some smiled and waved back, but others stopped and asked: "If it's a joke, why pick on me?"

They need not have worried. The youngsters were rehearsing part of their welcome next January for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh!

## PETER PUCK WANTS TO KNOW

If there are any miners who were once majors

Most people like the countryside because it is quiet. A sound reason.

A joke is a tonic. But not one that everybody can take.



# The Editor's Table

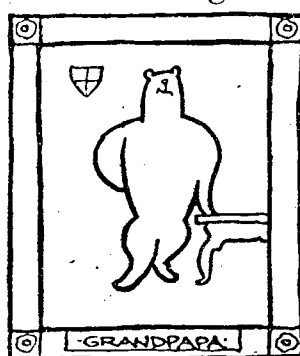
## ALL HIS OWN WORK

MATERNAL pride can sometimes be a little embarrassing. An instance was related recently by Mr. W. R. Black, President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

While he was a young apprentice at a famous shipyard a great battleship was launched amid a great uproar of cheering and ships' sirens.

In the silence that followed the huge ship's settling in the water, everyone heard the voice of Mr. Black's mother piping up: "Our Willy built that!"

## Animal friends in the Middle Ages



"As late as the 11th century there were noble families which proudly boasted descent from a swan or a white bear."

THIS is one of the 19 amusing pictures drawn by Fougasse for a charming little book which has been published at 2s. 6d. (post free) by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (Ufaw), 284 Regent's Park Road, London, N.3.

Written by Rosalind Hill, lecturer in history at the University of London, it is called Both Small and Great Beasts, and contains fascinating stories of medieval man's ideas about animals.

As Ufaw claims, it will make an excellent present for a friend who has a sense of humour, and who perhaps should be sent more than a Christmas card.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, November 10, 1923.

THE possibilities that are opening out almost daily into the ears of all civilised people, through the improvements in wireless transmission of sound, are amazing. The time is not distant when a man whom everyone would like to hear may speak at once to millions of his fellows.

It is estimated by the city authorities of Cleveland that Mr. Lloyd George spoke there to 400,000 Americans.

They filled hundreds of yards of streets all around him and far out of sight from the public library where the speech was made in the open air.

It was transmitted to hearing stations all around, where amplifiers had been placed, and every word could be heard.

## Britain must live on her wits

THE Duke of Edinburgh has offered wise counsel to the manufacturers of this country.

"We must," he said, "exploit the wits of the scientist, the designer, and the expert, and the wits of the designer who brings them all together." He added that the spirit of the work-people counted more than all the efficiency plans he knew of.

The gist of the Duke's speech is that there is no room for self-satisfaction in industry. We must keep on our toes, exercise our wits, and win through by our own efforts.

## No secret

THE Nuffield Foundation is to spend £51,000 in studying how we can live longer.

It has appointed two expert professors to direct research into the glands and tissues of the body which appear to hold the secrets of age and youth.

It is often said that "a man is as old as he feels." But that "feeling" starts somewhere, and the two professors are going to track it down.

Meanwhile, one way of keeping young is available to all. There is no secret: it lies in the happiness of giving service to others.

## Think on These Things

JESUS told the story of the seed and the soil (St. Mark, chapter 4) to interest his hearers in a miracle—the miracle of growth.

The farmer sows seed in the soil, but though he knows all about the composition of the soil, and sows the seed most suited to it, he cannot make the seed grow. Therein lies the miracle.

But to plant good seed in good soil is to take the first step to a good harvest.

And the inner meaning of this parable is that when God's Holy Spirit finds a place in the heart, a Christian grows in the image of God.

F. P.

## THEY SAY . . .

IF we could expunge the word "glamour" from modern speech we should do a very great service to the future and to this country.

Dr. Geoffrey Ward,  
Bishop of Lewes

EVERYONE who stays away and never goes to church is contributing to the neglect of religion which is the root cause of our trouble.

Rector of Rotherhithe

AFRICA changes your vision. You've no idea what colour is like until you have been there. White sand is really white . . . and the sunshine, though it is winter, is pure gold.

Film actress Sheila Sim

BRITAIN has now recovered, and is the soundest nation in the world.

Chairman of N.Z. Meat Producers' Board

WE are still the champion coal-wasters of Europe.

Sir Ben Lockspeiser

IT takes 200 years to make a bluebell wood; and being trampled over harms it more than any hard picking.

Dr. Wilfrid S. Fox

## Out and about

SOME of the flowers to be seen just now are in their proper season, such as the three welcome flowers all in different tones of yellow—the gorse, the ivy, and the sweet jasmine.

But it is a pleasant and interesting exercise to note how many other flowers there are that have survived from summer-time.

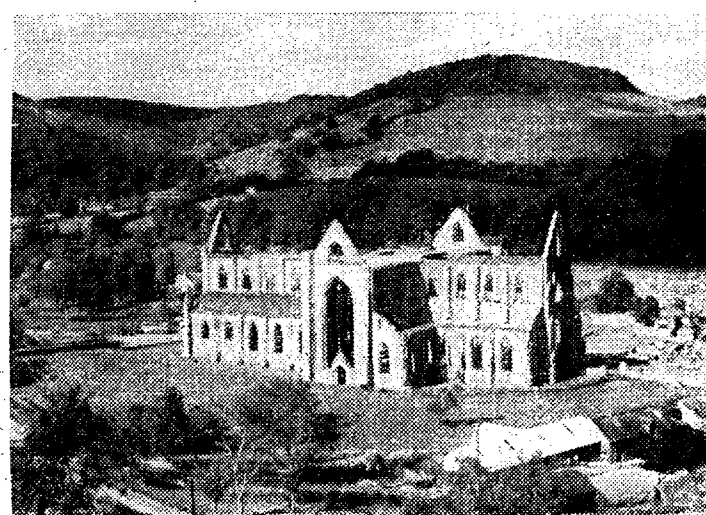
In sheltered places one may come across the last little forget-me-not of the year on a weedy-looking stem that is otherwise bare.

In a dip of the heath, not too exposed to cold wind, it is easy to find a few harebells, frail links with last August. In the stubble field there may be a few red pimpernels still lingering, and, more easily observed, some tall purple heads of the knapweed.

C. D. D.

## JUST AN IDEA

As Edmund Burke said: Good order is the foundation of all good things.



OUR HOMELAND

Tintern Abbey in the Wye Valley,  
Monmouthshire



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# GATEWAYS TO SUCCESS

## 13—School of Automobile Engineering

AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING is a job which needs doing, and needs doing well, for the number of private cars, vans, lorries, and other motor vehicles increases on our roads every year, and one of the ways of reducing accidents is to improve the standards of maintenance.

At the South-West Essex Technical College, Walthamstow, about 150 students learn to become efficient automobile engineers every year.

Some of the students are owner-drivers and pay their own way. But the great majority are lads (and a few lasses) already in the

a school-leaving certificate or satisfy the authorities that you have a reasonable standard of education.

Students already in work come on day-release once a week, plus one evening class. Then there are others who can only attend evening classes. These are held three times a week, and students have to put in at least 60 per cent of attendances each term.

At the end of each year there is a College examination to check progress, and at the end of your third year you sit for the City and Guilds of London Institute examination in Motor Vehicle

starter to headlamps. The instructor puts some fault in the circuit and then students have to discover what it is.

There is a big machine for electronically testing engine performance so that you can go over the whole mechanism, part by part. There are separate tests for the condenser, for combustion, setting of carburettor, fuel pump performance, distributor, coil, battery, and so on.

The idea is to demonstrate to the customer beyond any doubt what is wrong and what needs to be done about it.

Another thing taught here—as important as all the mechanical devices put together—is honesty of work.

Most car-owners know little about the “innards” of their vehicle, so there is the obvious temptation to recommend jobs to be done which may not be really necessary.

Another aspect of honesty, as the Head of the Department pointed out, is doing a “real job of work.”

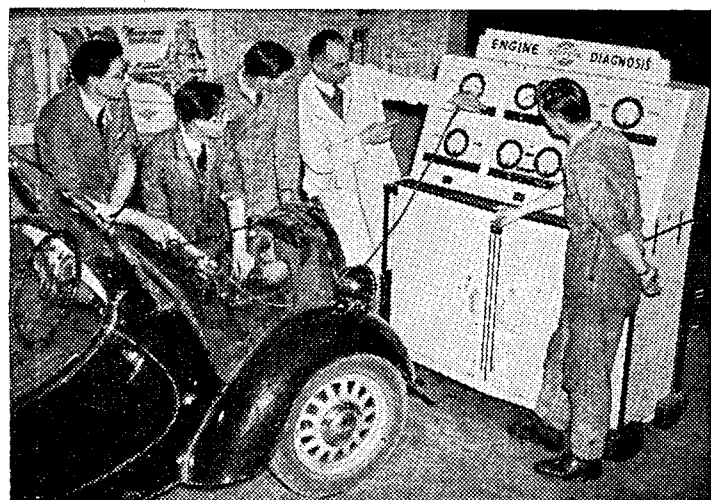
It is often difficult for the non-technical car-owner to see, for instance, if the relining of his brakes has been done properly or not. And when you come to think of it, the careless fixing of a split pin, due to the mechanic being in a hurry, or even perhaps not bothering, may cost several people their lives.

So a very high standard of efficiency is required from the new generation of motor mechanics; they are a body of men whom the public is more or less forced to trust.

Well, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the College means to turn out students who take a proper pride in their work and who will become known to their customers as trustworthy and conscientious types.

Indeed, the reputation of the College is so high that foreign students come from all parts of the world to take its various courses.

A. V. I.



An instructor explains a point on the engine-testing machine

trade as apprentices or learners. And the garages where they work are only too glad that they should have a proper course of instruction.

One big advantage about getting a good grounding, as well as the finer points of your trade, in a big college like this is the opportunity of mixing with a lot of other people—all part of education. You can make friends here not only in the classroom but at play as well, for the College caters for many kinds of sport.

The usual conditions obtain for entry to the College. You have to be at least 16, and must either hold

Mechanics. You also have to pass a practical test before gaining a National Craftsman's Certificate.

In the automobile shop on the ground floor is the latest equipment for learning the job. There are all sorts of lathes which you must learn to handle, as well as crankshaft-grinders, connecting-rod straighteners, cylinder-boring machines, and liner presses.

The highest proportion of breakdowns on the road is caused by electrical failures, so there is a complete lay-out of a car's electrical system, assembled by the students themselves, on a big table. Everything is there, from self-

### JET-POWERED LORRY

America's first turbojet road vehicle is a lorry. The engine, produced by the Boeing Aircraft Company, weighs only 200 lbs., is 40 inches long and roughly two feet square. It develops 175 h.p. and drives the roadwheels through a six-position gearbox.

At present the truck is being tested with full loads on normal transport duties. It can be operated on almost any fuel, including paraffin, petrol, and diesel oil.

The biggest problem in design has been to find metals tough enough to withstand the extreme heat of the turbine unit which provides the power. The whole engine is much easier to service than a normal engine, however.

At present the jet-lorry uses nearly three times the amount of fuel required by a diesel engine.

### WEATHER FORECASTS BY RADAR

A new meteorological station near Crawley, Sussex, will soon begin experimental weather observation by radar methods developed during the war.

This station is intended to meet the requirements of the aircraft industry for greater accuracy in forecasting, at greater ranges, the weather of the upper atmosphere—an obvious need when the average “ceiling” of civil aircraft

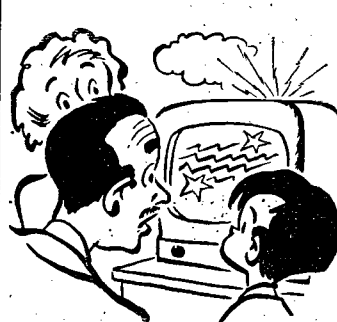
of less than ten years ago (12,000 feet) is compared with that of 1953 jet aircraft (40,000 feet).

The new station will measure wind speed, temperature, pressure, and humidity at distances up to 100 nautical miles and heights up to 100,000 feet by a process that is largely automatic. The staff required is half that of normal stations, and the possibility of human errors is greatly reduced.

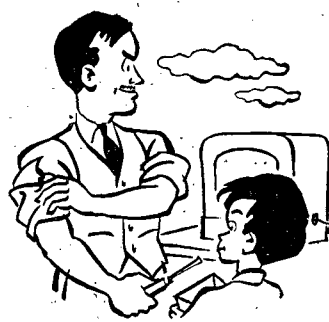
The Crawley station will be one of eight upper-air meteorological stations set up in this country. It will also be a link with a similar network of stations in western Europe.



The new radar weather station at Crawley



“Dad loves ...



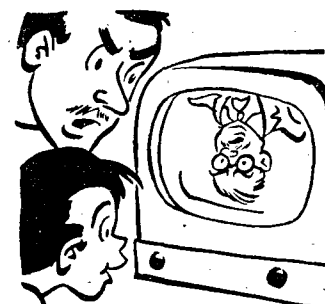
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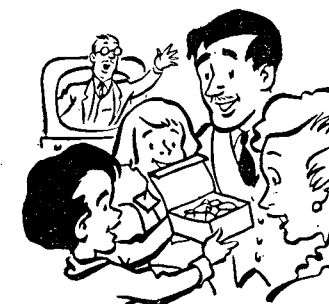
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almost as much ...



as he loves ... JERSEY CARMELS!”



### Everyone loves



You've MORE good things in Jersey Caramels! Full-cream milk, extra sugar, energizing Glucose for go! And tell Mother they're made by Batger's, famous for fine sweets for over 200 years!

They're BATGER'S — sweets ahead of the rest!



## BIBLES FROM THE SKIES

Nyles Huffmann is pioneering in lonely parts of Mexico as a Bible-dropper. He believes that the Mexican Indians will take more notice of something which comes to them in this way than if it were delivered to them at their doors.

When he was in the American Air Force during the war, Huffmann made up his mind to be an air-missionary. He bought a two-seater plane, went to a theological college, was ordained as a Baptist minister, and with his wife set up house in Central Mexico.

He then made a rough runway for his little plane and started cruising about the skies surveying the country over which he planned to drop Bibles. A Pueblo Indian and a Mexican were persuaded to join him in his good work.

Huffmann prefers to drop separate books of the New Testament, and clipped to each is a four-page leaflet illustrated with Indian drawings showing the importance of reading the book.

At first the team fly low in order to accustom the people to the sight of the plane. Ten minutes later they return, Pancho the Indian opens the door, and out flows a thin stream of the book-lets. What drops from the skies is regarded with awe, and is respected and treasured.

After his flying visit, Huffmann returns with a donkey-load of Bibles, shows cinema pictures, and gets to know the people. His work is an effective way of spreading the Good News from Galilee.

## TWELVE HUNGRY BEARS

Twelve polar bears which recently joined a circus at Rotherham were on an ice-floe in the Arctic three weeks earlier.

They travelled by trawler from Spitsbergen to Tromsø, then by steamer to Bergen and Newcastle, and during the journey ate 42 stones of herrings every day.

## Steps to Sporting Fame



To become manager of a League football club for which, as a boy, he swept out the stands was the experience of Mr. Ted Fenton, of West Ham United.



London-born, Ted played for West Ham schools, but lost an England international cap on one occasion by sheer bad luck. Another boy was taken ill and young Fenton, having been in contact with the boy, had to be isolated.



At 15 he joined West Ham's ground staff, dividing his time in playing football and working on the ground. While sweeping the stand he used to watch the players practise, learning a great deal from this observation.

## Ted Fenton



Ted Fenton left West Ham to become player-manager of Colchester United. Playing to his instructions Colchester had a memorable run in the F.A. Cup. Soon afterwards, Fenton returned to West Ham.

## GOOD USE FOR OLD PLANES

An exhibition of useful articles made by schoolboys from war-time Nazi planes was held recently at Germiston in the Transvaal.

The school, Benoni South, had been threatened with the closing of its handicraft shops owing to a shortage of wood and metal, when the headmaster saw two old war planes on a deserted airfield near Pretoria.

They were a Heinkel and a Messerschmitt which had been shot down over the Western Desert and brought to South Africa to raise war funds. Now they were abandoned, and the headmaster was able to buy them for a small sum.

They were taken to Benoni South, where the boys set to work on them with hammer and chisel and blowlamp. Various parts were turned into lampstands, flower pots, ashtrays, teapots, and serviette rings.

The fuselage was cut up and converted into bread tins, cake pans, biscuit cutters, and sugar bins.

Garden furniture and tools, tea-trays, rocking horses, and picnic equipment were among the other articles on view at the exhibition, to which people came from all over the district.

## NEW SCHOOL MURAL

When the Oken County Secondary School opens in Warwick next January the pupils will see the biggest mural ever painted in any British school.

The work of Mr. Alan Sorrell of Thundersley, Essex, it is 52 feet long and 9 feet high, and depicts a triple-theme of the progress of human life through changing day and changing season.

Mr. Sorrell has already painted murals for the London Museum and the National Museum of Wales, besides others for the Tate Gallery and the Imperial War Museum.

## BONFIRE NIGHT DOWN IN SUSSEX

In scores of villages and small towns in East Sussex, men and boys have been working in secret to prepare for Guy Fawkes Night.

In Lewes, county town of East Sussex, more than 10,000 torches have been made for the vast torchlight processions in which 3000 people in fancy dress will parade through the town.

It is little use asking the members of the many south country bonfire societies about the impressive tableaux they have been making, for these secrets are never revealed until the great night. But it is rumoured that some of the tableaux, made behind the locked doors of sheds, will remind us again that this is Coronation year.

The preparations for the Fifth begin early, and the year is still new when housewives start making the costumes for the fancy-dress parades.

Red Indians, Zulu chiefs, and Robin Hood are familiar figures at these bonfire-night celebrations. Beefeaters, Guardsmen, and Victorian ladies and gentlemen, are

also very much in evidence.

Many of the costumes, however, are most original. Last year, 14-year-old Brian Waters won a prize at the Newick Bonfire celebrations for a clever disguise as a sugar-carton. Another competitor, with a rotating scanner on his head, was a radar station.

After meeting on the village green for the judging of the fancy dress, the crowds at Newick arm themselves with torches and march behind their band to the bonfire.

Not all the village bonfires are

lit on Guy Fawkes Night, however, for many people prefer to join the crowd of 30,000 who throng the streets of Lewes on the great night.

In the last century, blazing tar barrels were dragged through the streets, and even now two or three flaming barrels are usually tossed into the River Ouse.

No one knows when these Lewes bonfire celebrations began, but an 18th-century churchwarden's account book records that half-a-crown was paid to the bellringers "for celebrating ye delivery from ye Powder Plott."

At one time, giant bonfires were lit in the streets, but this dangerous practice has long since been abandoned, the crowds now being entertained by eight or ten bands in the great procession.

But if the night's revels are less rowdy than in the old days, they are not less impressive.

Indeed, the celebrations at Lewes and Newick get better and better, as enthusiasm mounts and more magnificent fireworks are produced.

## HELICOPTERS AT THE NORTH POLE

The United States Air Force plans to land two helicopters at the North Pole—the first aircraft of this kind to make the attempt.

They will fly from Thule, in Greenland, refuelling at various points on the 900-mile journey.

The helicopters will carry out various manoeuvres under changing weather conditions during the flight.

## THE AFRICAN JOURNEYS OF MUNGO PARK—picture-story of a famous explorer (1)

Mungo Park, the first white man to see the River Niger, was born in Selkirkshire in 1771. He studied medicine and as a young ship's surgeon sailed to Sumatra and

back. This gave him ambitions to explore, and he volunteered to try to reach the Niger for the African Association, which had been formed to promote the

exploration of the "Dark Continent." On May 22, 1795, he sailed to Pisanía on the River Gambia, and stayed there for a time to learn Mandingo, the native language.



On December 2, 1795, he left Pisanía with two native servants. He rode a horse, and had two donkeys to carry his baggage, which consisted of beads, amber, and tobacco for the purchase of food on the way. On December 5 he reached the town of Medina, capital of the native kingdom of Wooli, where he called on the "king" to give him presents and ask for permission to traverse his country.



The king of Wooli was a kindly old man who advised Mungo to go no farther. The people to the east, he said, were unacquainted with white men and would probably kill him, as they had a previous traveller, Major Houghton. Mungo was undismayed, and the old king said he would pray for him. Provided with a guide, the explorer marched on, stopping at night in villages, until he reached the capital of Bondou.



The king of Bondou had a reputation for robbing wayfarers, and he made Mungo hand over his best blue coat. His wives, who had never seen a European, declared that Mungo's white skin must be artificial, produced by his being dipped in milk when he was a baby! They insisted that his nose had been pinched every day until it gained its present size! But he was allowed to depart.



When Mungo reached the next kingdom, Kajaaga, some horsemen arrived in the town and said that because he had entered the country without sending presents to the king, all his goods were forfeit. He said he knew nothing of this law, and had no wish to offend; but he was at their mercy. They opened his baggage and seized everything they fancied, and then rode off, taking half his possessions.

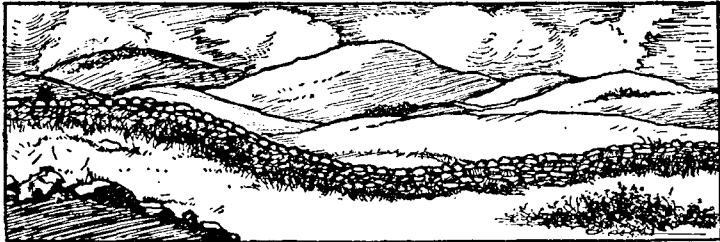
Can Mungo reach the Niger if he is constantly plundered on the way? See next week's instalment



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Let THE HUT MAN be your guide to Nature's . . .

## HIDDEN HAUNTS



### 11. By an old stone dyke

IN Scotland they are called "dry stane dykes"—those low walls of rough stones, built without mortar, which straggle like petrified tentacles across our hillsides and moors.

The art of building them has almost passed away, but they remain to tell us of a time when labour was unhurried and man took pride in his work even when it would be seen only by black-faced upland sheep.

Man built these dykes for his own purpose, but for many, many years they have been used by small creatures who traverse the twisting corridors between the stones, sheltered from gales and driving sleet as they journey across open hillsides and exposed moors.

The lee side of one of these old dykes is a pleasant shelter when we are caught by rain and wind during a November outing on the hills, especially if it is bending its sturdy grey back through a little corrie in its path.

Here we can sit in comfort, watching the grasses wrestle in the wind, and having thus been driven to pause in a hidden haunt of the hill-folk we may be sure of interesting meetings with them.

THE ancient stones of our sheltering dyke are themselves worthy of close inspection, though there is indeed little of them to be seen.

Covering their weathered faces are mosses, and encrusted grey lichens which look like ash flicked from the cigar of some hillside giant. Tiny ferns and the delicate stems of crane's-bill decorate crannies where a little soil has gathered or where softer stone has crumbled to kindlier sand.

Along the dyke-foot the rough, withered grass upholds old stems where harebells swung in the summer breeze, and still taller stand the stout-branched stems which supported the blue button heads of scabious.

Under a giant foundation stone the neat round entrance of a field-mouse's burrow shows in a little bank of moss, and fresh seed-husks on the doorstep indicate that the dwelling is tenanted. Before we leave it is more than likely we will see something of the owner, for the husks tell of winter stores still being collected.

THE wind sings many little songs between the stones, but suddenly we hear a sound that is not of the wind—a small dry rattle, of stone-chips falling in one of the dyke's many inner corridors. What an exciting sound this is!

We sit listening and watching, expecting to hear that rattle again,

for something is obviously making use of the sheltering passage on this blustering day. Then, in the way the wild creatures seem to enjoy surprising us, the keen little face of a weasel peeps out from a dark cleft between the stones, looking at us with bright, inquisitive black eyes.

The next moment he is gone, and a more distant rattle of stone-chips tells that he is continuing his journey, a small Dick Turpin of this highway of the old dyke.

BARELY have we recovered from our delighted surprise when another movement attracts our attention. Something small and brown flickered among the top-most stones where the dyke slopes down into the hollow.

There it is again . . . the tiny, mouse-like form of a wren, flitting in and out between the stones, picking up an insect here and there, and in between the meagre bill-fulls uttering low chirps of anger, if such an insignificant mite can ever be really angry!

She has seen us and, like the Little Tailor, is trying to make us believe that though diminutive she is a creature to be dreaded!

Closer and closer she comes, appearing and disappearing, feeding and churring; then suddenly she treats us to a full burst of trilling song and vanishes with a blur of tiny brown wings.

So one by one the dwellers of the hillside visit us by way of the sheltered crannies of the dyke. Field-mouse peeps from her burrow in the mossy bank, old Toad looks up at us from a dry cleft under a stone where he has gone to winter, and drowsy insects are found in cracks or under moss.

At last we rise to continue our walk, and we meet again the full force of the wind. Looking back from the stormy hillside we see our sheltered corner by the dyke—a corner we have known only half-an-hour yet which we seem to know so very, very well.

### COMPANION FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE

A fine new edition of a book long popular with young country-lovers has just reached the CN office. The title is Jane's Country Year, and the author is Malcolm Saville, well-known to most of our readers.

Jane is a great person for wanting to know the why and wherefore of everything. And she is most observant.

She sees countryside trifles that many visitors would overlook, such as a thrush's anvil surrounded

## History in needlework

The nimble fingers of 2000 Southern Rhodesian women have been "stitching" history. Months of laborious embroidery have produced a striking 25-yard tapestry of the colony's story.

In towns, lonely veld farms, and bush missions, women's institute members fashioned Rhodesia's own "Bayeux tapestry" which, they hope, will soon grace the new Parliament building in Salisbury, the capital.

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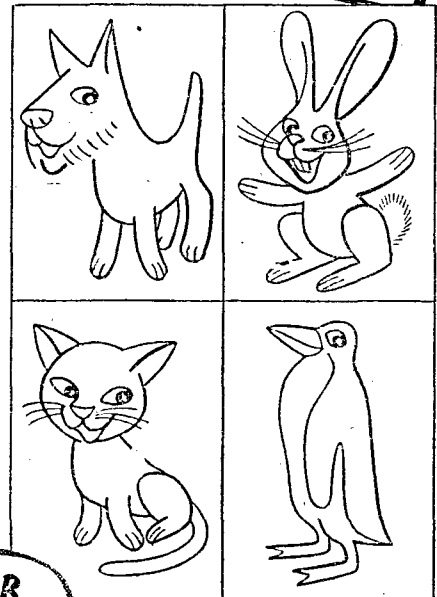
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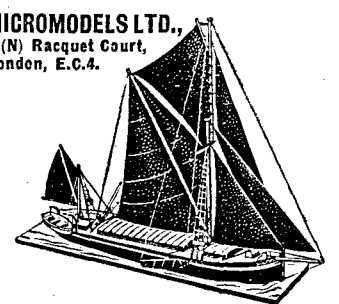


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## GUERNSEY CLINGS TO FEUDAL CUSTOMS

Old feudal customs are jealously preserved in the Channel Islands. The annual Feudal Court of the Fief Anneville has just been held in Guernsey, with all the ceremony of centuries ago.

The Seigneur, or Lord of the Manor, originally had many rights of collecting dues and fines from his tenants; and to keep alive the old atmosphere tenants still come dressed in the costume of 200 years ago, with smocks, top hats, and clay pipes.

This year, as usual, they brought their dues to the bar of the Court, a flat stone set up for the purpose, and payment was made in kind. One paid two fowls, but was reprimanded for bringing such scraggy birds to the Seigneur, and duly fined. Eggs, potatoes, coils of rope, and fat geese were offered by others.

### OLD LANGUAGE

Broad beans paid over were measured in ancient wooden bushel measures. Throughout the ceremony the proceedings were conducted in the old Guernsey-French patois, a language which has continued almost without change since the 15th century.

Another old custom still occasionally observed is the "Clameur de Haro," so called after Rollo, Duke of Normandy, early overlord of the Islands.

If any man considers his property rights are infringed by trespass or breaking of fences he uses the Clameur to obtain an injunction against the offender.

Going down on his knees in front of two witnesses, he says aloud in French: "Haro! Haro! Haro! Come to my aid, O Prince." He then repeats aloud the Lord's Prayer, in the same language.

The offender must then discontinue his actions, under heavy penalty by law, until the case has been brought before the Royal Court of Guernsey for a decision.

## BRITAIN'S FIRST FUCHSIA

The story of how the fuchsia first came to this country has been recalled in the magazine of the Port of London Authority.

In the 18th century a Wapping sailor brought home a plant from the West Indies. His wife placed it in a front window, and there it attracted the attention of a gardener from Syon House, Isleworth. He bought the plant, and during the following year sold 300 cuttings from it at a guinea each.

### QUICK MAIL

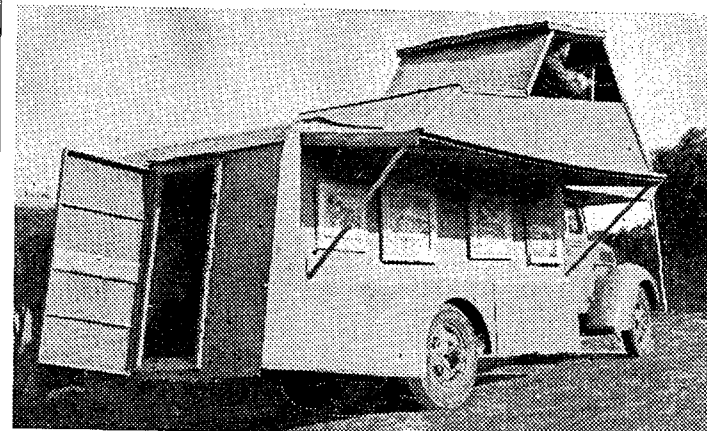
Miss Heather Menzies, daughter of Australia's Prime Minister, has added a prized air letter to her stamp collection. It reached her from London in less than two days.

A friend of Miss Menzies gave the letter to Flying Officer Robert Atkinson, a member of Australia's second Canberra in the London-Christchurch air race, and he posted the letter when he touched down at Woomera.

## Art out-of-doors



Painting the view from the hill in Greenwich Park is 24-year-old Eve Coxeter of Guildford, Surrey



Mr. George Enslin has a studio-home on wheels, and here he is seen at work during a painting tour in South Africa



Pierre Marny of Paris, who is only nine, has his work appraised by some even younger art critics

## HELPING LABRADOR'S FISHERMEN

To support a fine cause and at the same time please our own friends—that is a happy combination made possible by using the Grenfell Association's Christmas cards. They also draw attention to the noble work the Association is carrying on among the fishermen of desolate Labrador.

This summer the Association has opened a sanatorium which will bring hope to many fisherfolk whose lives are darkened by tuberculosis. But money is still urgently needed for the only medical and social service in this country.

An illustrated leaflet about the Christmas cards can be obtained for 13d. from The Grenfell Association, 66 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

## DIATOMITE FROM SKYE

After four years' work Loch Cuithir, on the Hebridean island of Skye, has been drained for the extraction and processing of a million-ton deposit of diatomite—the fossilised remains of minute organisms of ages past.

Attempts to mine the diatomite were made 50 years ago, but by 1920 the project was abandoned.

To re-establish the industry some three miles of road had to be built across bogland before drainage equipment could be transported to the loch. A processing factory was then constructed at Uig, 24 miles away.

Diatomite has its uses in many industries, but especially as a filtration substance for beverages, sugar, and penicillin products. Yearly 25,000 tons are imported.



The Children's Newspaper, November 7, 1953

## HE HELPED TO FOUND THE NATIONAL GALLERY

Millions who have admired the masterpieces of our National Gallery owe much to Sir George Beaumont, who was born on November 6 just 200 years ago not far from the town of Dunmow in Essex.

A landscape painter of no outstanding talents, he was unsparing in his aid to others, a patron of the arts in the truest sense, and a moving spirit in the foundation of our great national collection.

At Eton and Oxford, young George Beaumont studied the classics ardently—as befitted a descendant of a great Elizabethan dramatist. Many believed he would become a notable actor; he committed whole plays to memory, and trod the stage in amateur theatricals.

But painting was his hobby, and a European tour at 28 made it his lifelong interest. With discrimination, he began collecting pictures, and he also sought to model his own landscapes on his two favourites, Wilson and Claude.

Poverty, said critics, might have made Sir George a famous painter, forcing him to concentrate on his own work. But the tall, amiable baronet seemed more interested in the work of others, and he loved to entertain painters, sculptors, authors, and poets.

### FAMOUS FRIENDS

To his fine Grosvenor Square house came Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sheridan, Sir Walter Scott, and Southey. Sir George knew Gainsborough and Dr. Johnson; scientist Humphry Davy was his friend; in many letters Coleridge unburdened his heart to the understanding Sir George, who later did much to win him a pension.

Coleorton Hall, Leicestershire, was Beaumont's country estate; and frequently, seeing young artists ill or overworked in London, Beaumont would whisk them off to enjoy the country air there.

In laying out its gardens, avenues, and fountains, he was aided by advice from William Wordsworth, who was often a guest there. Wandering about its sylvan paths, Wordsworth mused over many a verse, and in 1815, dedicating a collected edition to his host, recalled that "several of the best pieces were composed under the shade of your own groves."

### TREASURY OF ART

Visions of a National Gallery long gripped Sir George's imagination. He wanted not merely a secure home for fine pictures, but a treasury to inspire others. "Works of art," he declared, "are not merely toys for connoisseurs, but solid objects of concern to the nation."

Particularly after 1818, Sir George pressed these views upon artists, collectors, wealthy men, and statesmen. The Premier, Lord Liverpool, seemed sympathetic, but conditions were difficult after the Napoleonic Wars, and little was done.

In 1824 the notable Angerstein collection of paintings, seemed fated to be sold abroad. Public opinion was excited. Sir George and supporters urged that they be saved. "I will give my own pic-

tures to the nation as soon as there is a proper place allotted for their reception," he said.

This "splendid bribe" won the day. The Government purchased the Angerstein masterpieces, and they were opened to the public in Pall Mall. Beaumont added 16 superb paintings from his own collection, although one—a Claude landscape—he asked to be returned to him, for he had regularly taken it everywhere with him, and hated to see it go!

In 1838 the National Gallery in London's famous Trafalgar Square was opened. But the man who had done so much to make it possible never saw it. He had died in 1827, honoured by the great who were his friends, and by many a rising artist.

"While Beaumont lived," it was truly said, "genius never solicited him in vain."

### Tea in the tree



Robin and Richard Carr, 12-year-old twins of Steyning in Sussex, have built a hut in a tree and there entertain friends to tea.

### SHORT CUT TO MECCA

The new Islamic mosque at Washington has puzzled some visitors because it faces north-east. Mecca, they point out, is south-east of the American capital.

This is certainly true, but because of the curvature of the Earth the shortest route to Mecca is a vast arc which goes north-east from Washington and then south-east.

That is the skyway used by ocean airliners, and Washington Moslems feel they are facing in the right direction by looking along it.

### LONG GAME

A 12-board chess match started over two years ago between American boys and Hove County Grammar School is unfinished—with nine games still to be decided.

Moves are notified by letter, and, of course, play is suspended during holidays.

## Honouring an imaginary line

For most people the Greenwich Meridian is merely an imaginary line running from the North Pole to the South Pole via Greenwich. But to 14-year-old Jean Martin and 12-year-old Fred Cottenham, of North Chailey in Sussex, it is much more than that.

It is the Line which, passing across the local common, is marked by a big white stone. It is the Line which brought them each a Coronation five-shilling piece. It is the Line which was recently honoured by a special ceremony.

The ceremony was the unveiling of the Meridian Stone which stands amid the bracken and gorse on Lane End Common within the Manor of Balneth at Chailey.

### THE MERIDIAN LINE

The Lord of the Manor, Mr. Ivor Grantham, invited Jean and Fred to walk along the Meridian—marked in whitewash as it crosses these few yards of common—without setting a foot either to the east or west of the Line.

He made the request while standing astride the Line, with one foot in the eastern hemisphere and the other in the western hemisphere.

The children carried out their task well. Planting one foot immediately in front of the other, they made their way along the Line without once "falling off."

Then, reaching the Meridian Stone, they pulled aside the Union Jack draping it and revealed for the first time the simple inscription recording that the Stone, placed 159 feet above sea level in the centre of Sussex, marks the point where Greenwich Meridian crosses the Manor of Balneth on its passage through Sussex to the sea.

After Jean and Fred had received their Coronation silver pieces, they solemnly promised the Lord of the Manor that in A.D. 2000 they would make a special pilgrimage to the place and show the Stone to their grandchildren.

### FILMS FOR YOUNG AFRICA

Three men are now flying round Africa on a 17,500-mile tour to discover the kind of films Africa wants for schools.

One of the men, Mr. Clifton Ackroyd, representing the British missionary societies, told a C.N. representative before he left on the tour that Africans who cannot read can be helped to learn by films and pictures.

Expensive cinema buildings are not necessary, he said, for screens can be put up in the open at night. Even where there was no electricity, paraffin-burning projectors could now be used, and ex-R.A.F. hand-operated dynamos had proved to be useful.

### ROUND THE SHOPS

A Bristol architect who thinks that women tend to walk in a circle when they are shopping, has submitted a plan for a circular shopping area to the Ministry of Health.

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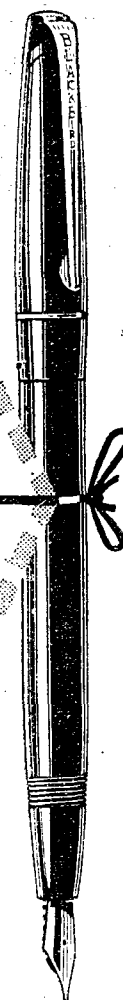
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## JOBS FOR YOUNG LONDONERS

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Many of the girl school-leavers wanted to become shorthand-typists, for office girls often get longer holidays, greater security, and a shorter working day than those in other occupations.

A large number of applicants wanted to be air hostesses, journalists, or commercial artists. There is work waiting for girls, however, in learning the somewhat unusual crafts of pearl-stringing, weaving gold thread, and making feather cockades for military uniforms. Learners in dressmaking are also wanted.

Most of the boys wanted jobs in the engineering and instrument-making trades, or as draughtsmen, or clerks in shipping firms. There are openings in the optical trades and the clothing industry.

## TURNING UP IN STYLE

Brows as well as the earth will be furrowed at the National Championship Ploughing Match on November 11 at Ashton-in-Makerfield, Lancashire. For the judges look for many features besides straightness of the furrows.

Marks are awarded for the burying of grass or stubble by the ploughshare, for the firmness of packing (untidy bits must not be patted straight by hand), for the soil made available as a seed bed, and other fine points. Each competitor is allowed three sighting poles as guides.

It seems odd that any spectator should tread on the ploughman's showpiece, but such is the risk of it that every competitor has to bring at least one steward to keep unwanted boots off the newly-ploughed plot.

The winners of both the Tractor and Horse Ploughing Championships will each received £100 and a free trip to compete in the World Championship.

## GAP CLOSED

The hoisting of a Union Jack on the new sea wall at Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire, not long ago, signified the closing of the biggest gap in the whole of the coast defences made during last February's disastrous floods.

A ton of cement had to be employed for every foot of new wall constructed in the 500-yard gap. About 4000 pre-cast concrete blocks each weighing 15 cwt. were made on the site.

## SEEING ROUND CORNERS

A flaw-detector which can see round corners is being used in the United States. The inspectroscope, as it is called, consists of a flexible tube equipped with a light and a complex set of mirrors.

It can be used to detect flaws in gun barrels, the interior of aeroplane wings, and other places invisible to the eye.



## One man and his dog

Mr. Jesse Stevens of Bisley, Gloucestershire, is a thatcher, and wherever he goes he is followed by 10-year-old Judy, who climbs the ladder and sits on the rick while her master works.

## EDINBURGH'S NEW LIBRARY

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Scottish Central Library in its new premises in the Lawnmarket, Edinburgh, on Thursday.

The library, which is on the site once occupied by the town house of the Dukes of Buccleuch, will be a central store for rare books, or books which are difficult to obtain.

The library officials are ready to send anywhere in the world to help students who apply to them for information.

Recently a Scottish research worker asked for details on the little-known subject of the behaviour of air bubbles in salt water. After a long search the library officials eventually found a clue in New York which enabled them to track down a Japanese work on the subject in Tokyo.

A Japanese professor translated the work into English which was sent to Edinburgh and to the research worker.

## DIESEL LOCOS FOR SHUNTING

One of the largest railway coal marshalling yards in Britain is at Wath-on-Deane, Yorkshire, where diesel-electric locomotives are now replacing steam engines.

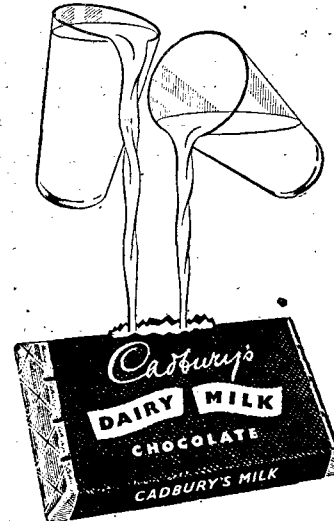
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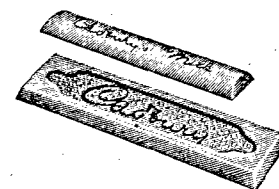
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# DANGER MOUNTAIN

by Patrick Pringle

Jack and Robin Hilton are with their parents in Switzerland. They go ski-ing with Junge, the daughter of a ski-ing instructor, and help to catch a thief named Otto who stole an attaché case from the hotel. Later the boys ask their father for some money, and they are looking at a 20-franc note when the hotel manager tells them it is a forgery.

## 10. Forgery

"PLEASE come to my office," repeated the hotel manager, clasping his hands nervously.

Inside the office he examined the banknote with a magnifying glass. "It is a forgery," he said again. "Mr. Hilton—please, where did you get this note?"

"Here," said Mr. Hilton. "When I cashed a traveller's cheque. Just after tea. Your cashier—"

"Excuse me," said the manager. He strode across to a door communicating to another office. "Keller," he said in a voice they had never heard before, "come here."

The cashier entered and bowed. "You cashed a traveller's cheque for Mr. Hilton this afternoon," said the manager. "Just after tea," he added.

Keller agreed. The manager waved the 20-franc note in the cashier's face.

"And you gave Mr. Hilton this!" he almost shouted.

Keller blinked, examined the note, and gasped. "It is impossible," he said.

"It is disgraceful. It is your duty to scrutinise every note. You could not have missed this forgery if you had looked."

"It must have come from the bar," the cashier confessed miserably.

"You mean you do not examine the money from the bar?"

### The only note

"The money is always right from the bar. Henri checks the big notes, and there wasn't much money taken at lunch-time—about 60 francs altogether. Bar receipts have been very low for some time," he added, and got a scowl from the manager. "I think that was the only 20-franc note."

"You think? You must find out at once."

"Probably Henri will remember," said the cashier. "I shall go and ask."

"You will ask Henri nothing. You will not tell him of this. He may be—"

The manager broke off. "Take everything out of the safe and check every note," he ordered. "Now."

"I am sorry," he told Mr. Hilton, "that you have been put to this grave inconvenience."

"That's all right," said Mr. Hilton. "But if you don't mind my asking, I'd like to know why you're so sure it's forgery."

said Robin. "A full stop could easily have got rubbed off, couldn't it? And you haven't even looked at the watermark."

"The watermark will be good," replied the manager. "They have the paper, we know. But if the full stop is missing from this date the forgery is certain."

He explained then that until recently the forged banknotes that had been in Switzerland had been almost impossible to detect. The plates had been so skilfully engraved that it was rumoured that the Government was considering changing the design.

The date of Swiss banknotes, the manager went on, was a mild additional safeguard that had proved unexpectedly valuable. Naturally, forgers could not print all their notes with the same date, or the banks would simply call all these in. So the forgers had to keep changing the date on their plates. The 16th October, 1947, was their "latest issue"; the first forged notes bearing this date had been discovered only a week previously—and it had been seen at once that the full stop was missing after the figure 16.

"All the hotels in the country were warned," he said. "At once I gave orders to the cashier to scrutinise every note with that date"—he threw out his hands in despair—"and now this has happened. What you will think—"

"It's all right," said Mr. Hilton, getting up. "Er—could I have another note in exchange?"

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The manager clapped a hand to his forehead.

"Forgive me again," he said brokenly. "Keller!" he barked. "Bring a 20-franc note—a good one!"

The cashier returned with a note which the manager handed to Mr. Hilton with a bow and a smile.

"I should be grateful if you would say nothing of this to the other guests," he said.

"Oh, of course we shan't," promised Mr. Hilton. "I suppose you'll get the police in?"

"Yes, yes, of course. I must."

"The policeman's at the school-house, guarding Otto," pointed out Robin.

"I shall not get that policeman. I shall telephone to Frutigen, and they will arrange."

"They should be able to trace the note, if it was the only one," Jack comforted him. "How often are the bar takings handed over?"

"Twice a day—after lunch, and when it closes at night."

"Well, we mustn't keep you from your work," said Mr. Hilton, before his sons could ask any more questions.

### Scandal

"It is a disaster," the manager told him confidentially as he opened the door. "First the thief, and then this—such things have never happened before at this hotel."

Mr. Hilton clucked his tongue sympathetically, and took his family out. They went into the lounge for coffee, and the boys were reminded not to talk about what had happened.

"It's the scandal he's worried about," their father said. "Things like this can ruin the hotel's reputation."

"I don't see why," put in Robin. "I should have thought they were a good advertisement."

"I felt sorry for the poor cashier," said Mrs. Hilton. "The manager was very hard on him."

A few minutes later Jack suggested a game of table tennis—as an excuse for being alone. The room was empty, and the boys sat down well away from the door.

"Why did you ask about the money from the bar?" Robin wanted to know.

"To make sure whether that note was passed today. It makes it easier to trace it."

Robin got excited. "Are we going to ask the barman?"

"Not ask him exactly, but we can get him talking. Have you got the other 20-franc note?"

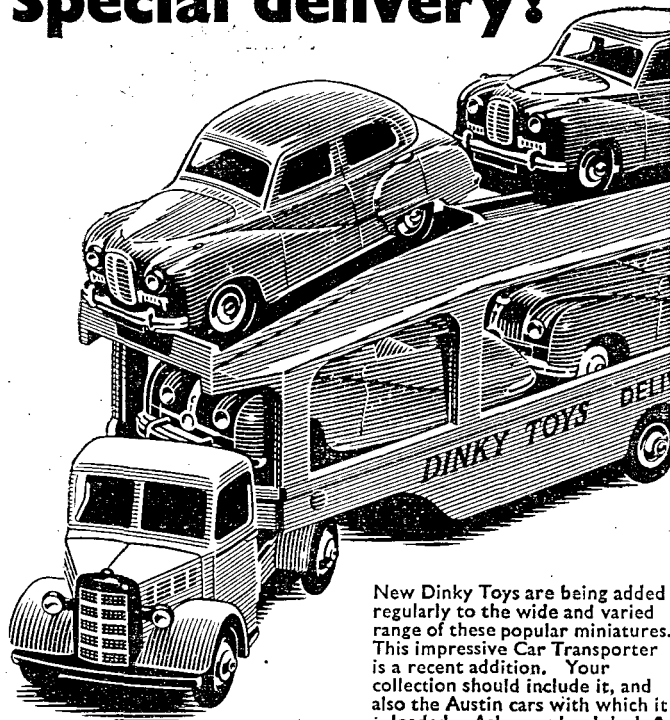
"Yes, but we can't spend it. It's for Dr. Marcus—"

"That's all right. We can settle with Dad and the Professor later on. Let me have it now."

Robin gave his brother the note, and they went to the bar. It was almost deserted.

"Good evening, sir," said Henri.

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The exhibition will make stops in towns and villages throughout the State. Loudspeakers provide recorded lectures and harpsichord music.

## DANGER MOUNTAIN

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Jack returned the greeting and ordered a bottle of apple juice. He paid with the 20-franc note.

Henri took the note and glanced at it with apparent casualness. Then Jack saw the barman look more intently, presumably when he noticed the date.

"It's a good one all right," Jack said quietly.

Henri looked taken aback. "Of course it is," he said. "I did not think—"

"It's all right," Jack told him. "I know why you've got to look at paper money. We're used to that in England."

"There are forgeries there, too?" asked Henri.

"More than here, I reckon. But it's mostly in the big towns—places like London and Birmingham."

"Here also," Henri told him. "Mostly it is Berne and Basle and Zürich."

"Not much in Edelberg, then?"

"So far, never. But we have to watch, especially 20-franc notes."

Jack nodded.

"I suppose you get a lot of those in here," he suggested.

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"My teacher has never seen a horse," said Sammy.

"Whatever makes you think that?" asked Mother.

"Well, I did a drawing of one and she asked me what it was."

### Word square

CAN you, from the clues below, arrange these 25 letters in a square with the same five words down as across?

A A A A A E E E E G G I I  
L L M M N N S S S S S

Collect.

Kind of madness.

Old gold coin.

Attack on a castle or city.

Where goods are sold cheap.

Answer next week

### Getting into a scrape

THE phrase "getting into a scrape" recalls the days when the forests which covered Britain sheltered large herds of deer. At certain seasons these animals would scrape out gullies, sometimes as much as 18 inches deep. Many a traveller fell into one of these muddy ruts as he made his way through the woods; so that suddenly to get into trouble meant "getting into a scrape."

### BEDTIME CORNER

#### Guy Fawkes Night

THE sky is filled with flickering light.  
Hurrah! at last it's Guy Fawkes night.  
Gay coloured lights shoot in the air,  
There's noise and laughter everywhere.  
From every side came loud reports.  
Of fireworks there are many sorts—  
Sparklers for the tiny tots,  
Jewelled fountains, flower pots,  
Cascading stars of every hue,  
Crimson, yellow, green, and blue,  
And rockets for the eye's delight.  
Hip, hip, hurrah for Guy Fawkes night!

#### Can you . . .

. . . complete these word-squares by putting the names of the objects drawn in their correct places? The answer is printed below.



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E	N	D	S				E		

ENDS  
TOAD  
IRON  
KITE

NEST  
ANTS  
WINE  
SWAN

## AND THEN JACKO DID A GUY



"Hey," cried Jacko to his big brother, "there's a stranger in your bed!" Adolphus hastened to turn out this intruder, but a close inspection and a mischievous laugh from Jacko told him that he had been caught again.

### Misfire

**CRIED** a venturesome schoolboy named Locket:

"I have made quite a new kind of rocket!"

But he gasped with dismay  
When it shot the wrong way,  
Shooting showers of sparks in his pocket.

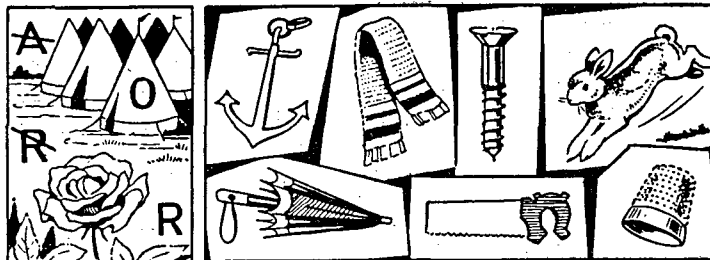
### Unkind cut

"THIS new saw is useless," cried Father. "It wouldn't cut butter."

"Oh, yes it will, Dad," said young Johnny. "Why, only this morning I cut a brick in half with it."

**CAN YOU TELL FROM THE CLUES WHAT PROFESSION . . .** is given in the first picture? The name of a person famous in the profession is formed by the initials of the other objects.

Answer next week



### FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

ORANGE MILK-MUSHROOMS. In the pinewoods a group of dingy, orange fungi, whose caps measured about four inches across, drew Don's attention. He stooped to pick one, regarding with curiosity the beads of saffron-coloured juice which began to appear.

"It's probably poisonous," warned Ann—a remark which caused her brother to drop his find in haste.

"They are orange milk-mushrooms, and edible," explained Farmer Gray. "There are many species of mushrooms and toadstools which exude drops of fluid. They are not all edible, however, so it is best to leave them alone, unless you are an expert on fungi."

### 3D puzzle

Each of the blanks in the following paragraphs can be filled with a word which begins with the letter d.

THE fifth of November is the — which marks the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot. It was a conspiracy to — King James I and Parliament, but the barrels of gunpowder were —, and Guy Fawkes and others were executed for treason.

Possible answers: date, destroy, discovered

### Flower legends

THERE are various legends associating the thistle with Scotland.

One dates back to the time of the Danish wars, when the enemy, hoping to surprise a camp with a night attack, advanced barefooted. One of the invading warriors trod upon a thistle and emitted a howl of pain which roused the Scottish camp to arms in time to drive off the raiders.

## RIDDLE-ME-REE

MY first is in happiness, health, and home;  
My second's in London, in Dover, and Rome;  
My next is in pantomime but not in mirth;  
My fourth is in heaven and also in earth;  
My fifth is in shillings but not in a pound;  
In twenty of most things, my next will be found;  
My last letter's with you but never with me;  
My whole is virtue, I think you'll agree.  
And when you have found me—I'm sure you have guessed—  
You'll know that of policies, I am the best.

Answer next week

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### Conversation piece

THE Dog and the Oak Tree were having a talk;  
Said the Dog, "I'm so sorry for you, you can't walk,  
While I can run hither and thither at will;  
Don't you wish you were me, and had not to stand still?"  
Said the Tree, "I am waving my limbs all the day,  
And have all that I need in the exercise way,  
And I wouldn't be you for a lot, no, not quite,  
For I may have a bark, but I haven't a bite."

### Name trouble

ASKED if he was a mechanic, an Irishman answered, sharply: "Indade I am not. I'm a McCarthy, I would have you know."

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Capital puzzle  
Jamaica, Kingston

Fill it in  
Neptune, delude, estates, restore, educated, taffeta

C	U	B	S	A	T	E	D
A	P	E	T	R	E		
T	O	R	M	O	D	E	L
D	E	S	I	R	E	V	
M	E	O	B	O	E		
U	P	A	R	S	O	N	
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S	M	E	L	L	R	I	P

### Chatterbox

THERE was an old man of King's Lynn  
Whose teeth made a terrible din.  
It was his proud boast,  
That when eating dry toast,  
He could even be heard in Berlin.

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the word!



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